

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PSU IN MINING SECTOR IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the Public Sector Undertakings/Private sector dealing with Mining Industry in the country including Orissa, Location-wise;
- (b) whether there is any provision in the law to involve such undertakings for the peripheral development and social structure development in and around of their location;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of developmental works undertaken by such undertakings during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Mines is responsible for survey and exploration of all minerals, other than Natural gases, Petroleum and Atomic minerals, for mining and metallurgy of Non-ferrous metals like Aluminium, Copper, Zinc, Lead, Gold, Nickel, etc. and for administration of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation), Act 1957 in respect of all mines and minerals other than Coal, Natural gas and Petroleum.

The Ministry of Mines, at present has three Public Sector Undertakings namely, National Aluminium Company Ltd.(NALCO), Bhubaneswar(Orissa), Hindustan Copper Ltd.(HCL), Kolkata(West Bengal), and Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.(MECL), Nagpur(Maharashtra). Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd.(BALCO), Korba(Chattisgarh), Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Ltd.,Renukoot(Uttar Pradesh), Indian Aluminium Company Ltd., Muri(Jharkhand), Belgaum(Karnataka), Madras Aluminium Company Ltd., Chennai(Tamil Nadu), all in the private sector, are manufacturing the alumina/aluminium. Hindalco Industries Ltd.(HINDALCO) and Sterlite Industries(India) Ltd.(SIL), both in the private sector, are producing copper. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.(HZL), Udaipur(Rajasthan) is producing zinc and lead in the private sector. Binani Industries Ltd.(BIL) and Indian Lead Limited(ILL), in the private sector, are producing zinc and lead, respectively.

A number of activities like community education programmes, facilitating availability of drinking water, repair and development of approach roads of surrounding areas, arranging health awareness programmes, school health programmes, and medical camps in rural areas, were undertaken by the PSUs for upliftment of the community in and around their townships as part of their social responsibility.